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SUBJECT: CEAUSESCU VISIT: DECEMBER 5 - SECOND DAY

1. CEAUSESCU BEGAN DAY'S ACTIVITIES WITH PRIVATE BREAK-FAST AT BLAIR HOUSE WITH SENATOR JACKSON ARRANGED AT ROMANIAN INITIATIVE. HE THEN MET WITH HOUSE SPEAKER ALBERT AND OTHER CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS (INCLUDING VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE FORD) ON CAPITOL HILL.

2. UNUSUAL SECOND MEETING WITH PRESIDENT TOOK PLACE 1100 AT WHITE HOUSE, LASTING 45 MINUTES, DURING WHICH JOINT DECLARATION WAS SIGNED BY BOTH PRESIDENTS. CEREMONY WAS HELD IN CABINET ROOM IN PRESENCE OF CABINET REFLECTING "VERY DEEP SIGNIFICANCE" OF JOINT DECLARATION. PRESIDENT LATER TOLD GATHERING THAT "WE ARE IN EFFECT SAYING TO THE WHOLE WORLD THAT AS FAR AS THE US IS CONCERNED, WE BELIEVE THAT THE SURVIVAL OF NATIONS, NO MATTER HOW SMALL, NO MATTER HOW WEAK THEY MAY BE MILITARILY, IS ESSENTIAL." PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU DESCRIBED JOINT

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STATEMENT AS BEING OF "HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE," AND WHEN

QUERIED, ROMANIAN OFFICIALS IN PARTY READILY EXPRESSED HIGH DEGREE OF SATISFACTION WITH CONTENT OF DOCUMENT AND PRESIDENT NIXON'S DECISION TO SIGN DECLARATION.

3. WHITE HOUSE RELEASED TEXT OF JOINT STATEMENT ON

ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION. FYI. A BRIEF JOINT COMMUNIQUE WILL BE ISSUED UPON CONCLUSION OF CEAUSESCU VISIT DECEMBER 7. END FYI.

4. CEAUSESCU NEXT ATTENDED NATIONAL PRESS CLUB LUNCHEON, WHERE HE RESPONDED TO QUESTIONS. QUERIED ABOUT DECISION TO CURTAIL VISIT, HE SAID THAT HE HAD DECIDED ONLY "VISIT A FEW CENTERS," LEAVING OTHER STOPS ON ORIGINAL ITINERARY FOR A FUTURE TIME.

5. AT 1500, CEAUSESCU MET WITH SECRETARIES SHULTZ AND DENT AND UNDER SECRETARY CASEY AT BLAIR HOUSE. MEETING ALSO ATTENDED BY MANEA MANESCU, PUNGAN, STANCIU, AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE AND MARTENS ON US SIDE.

6. MRS. CEAUSESCU, WHO WAS VISIBLY FATIGUED, CANCELED HER SCHEDULE FOR DAY WITH EXCEPTION OF ATTENDANCE AT LUNCHEON GIVEN IN HER HONOR BY AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CHEMISTS.

7. AGAIN RESPONDING TO ROMANIAN WISHES, PRESIDENT AND MRS. NIXON AGREED BREAK PRACTICE BY ATTENDING EVENING RECEPTION GIVEN BY PRESIDENT AND MRS. CEAUSESCU AT ROMANIAN EMBASSY. ROMANIANS WHO HAD MADE HOLDING OF RECEPTION DEPENDENT UPON PRESIDENT NIXON'S ATTENDANCE, ACHIEVED GOOD TURN-OUT OF PROMINENT GUESTS DESPITE HASTILY ARRANGED INVITATIONS. THESE INCLUDED REP FORDS, SECRETARY KISSINGER, CHIEF JUSTICE BURGER, DR. HERBERT STEIN, FEDERAL RESERVE CHAIRMAN BURNS, SENATOR SCOTT, AS WELL AS GOOD DIPLOMATIC CORPS TURN OUT. KISSINGER

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